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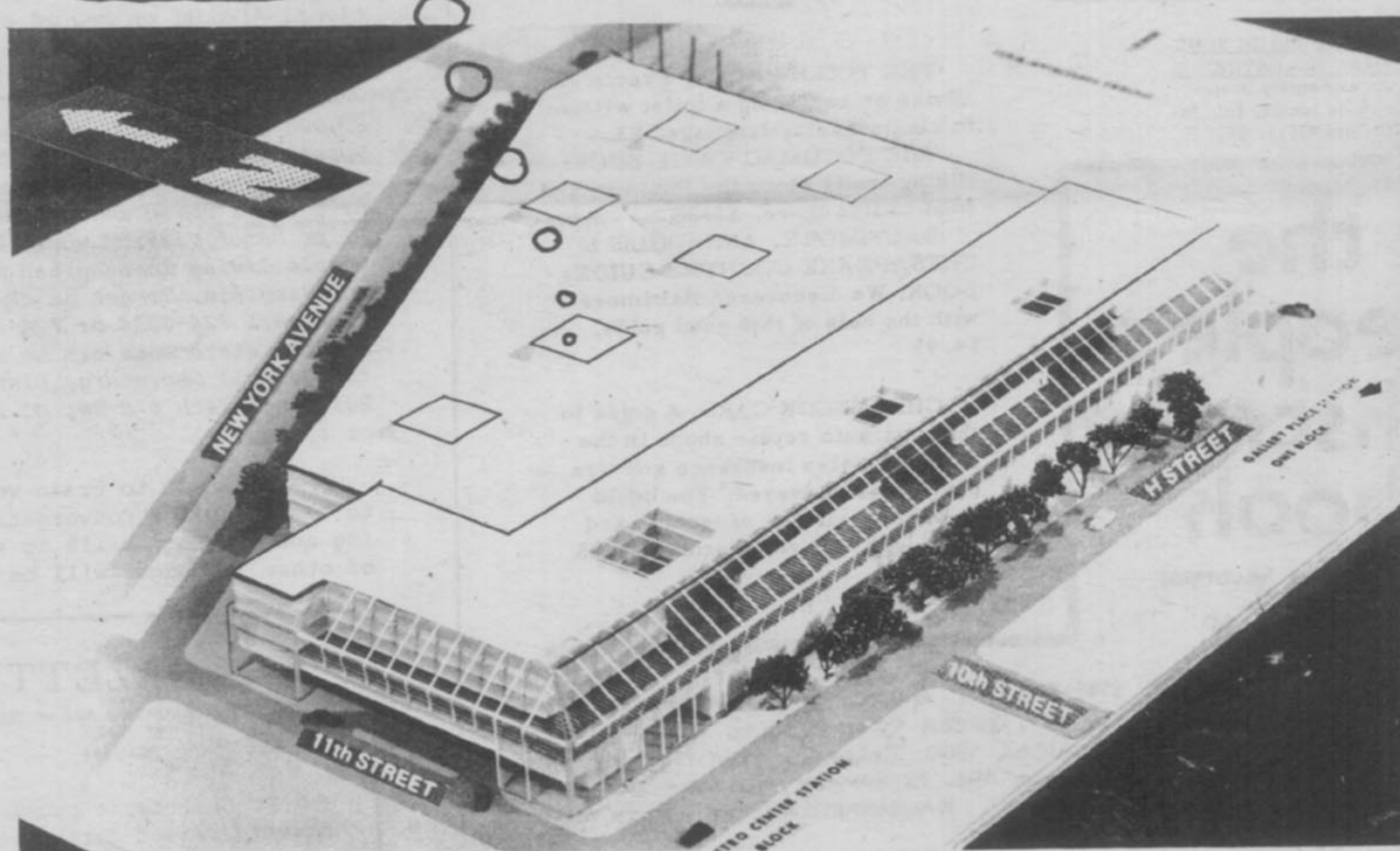
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A NEW PUBLICATION has been started to serve the latino community. The informal newsletter, 'Communication Latina', is prepared by the Cooperation Latina, an information clearinghouse, and the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association. The newsletter is in both Spanish and English. For further information, or to get on the mailing list, contact Crisanta Hinojosa, MWPFA, 1225K , NW, DC 20005. (737-3700)

THERE will be a hearing on alternative flight patterns for National Airport on May 25 at 7:30 pm at the city council. The plan to change flight patterns at National would increase levels for some 35,000 persons living in Anacostia, Upper NW and NE. Persons living in Georgetown and Palisades would not have their noise levels reduced. Prime beneficiaries would be 6,000 people living in suburban Maryland and Virginia. To get on the witness list call 724-8074 or 724-8077. Written statements can be sent to the Council Secretary, District Building, 14th & E NW, DC 20004 prior to May 31.

A WORKSHOP to train volunteers to teach English conversation, reading and writing skills to speakers of other languages will be held at

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Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia Street & Lee Highway (Route 29-211), Falls Church, VA. Sessions will be held May 14 from 10-5 pm, May 18 from 7-10 pm, and May 21 from 10-4:30 pm. At the completion of training, volunteers will receive tutor certification from the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance and be assigned foreign born students. Info: 387-7775.

THERE will be a city council hearing on the homesteading act on May 19 at 10 am and 6 pm in the council chambers. To get on the witness list, call 724-8021.

ACCORDING to a leaflet put out by the District of Columbia Public Library, Metrobus passes for senior citizens are available at all branch libraries.

A WORKSHOP to train volunteers to teach basic reading and writing skills to adults and out of school youth will be held at 1750 Columbia Road, NW, on May 11 from 7:00-9:30 pm. At the completion of training, volunteers will receive tutor certification from the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance and be assigned a student. Info: 387-7775.

HISTORIAN Jonathan Katz, singer Casse Culver and Hank Baron will be featured in an evening of gay culture and history on May 13 at the Marvin Center, GWU, 21st & H NW. The show is a benefit for WPFW and for the Stonewall Nation Media Collective, producers of "Friends," a biweekly gay program on WPFW. For information call David Aiken at 234-4287 or Bill Bogan, 833-8760. Tickets are \$3, or \$5 in combination with a ticket to a gay dance to be held later that evening.

THE free day camp program operated by the DC Department of Recreation has begun registration for its summer sessions. Boys and girls from ages seven through 14 years are eligible for the camping program. To receive an application and a day camp brochure, mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Day Camp Program, DC Department of Recreation, 3149 16th, NW, DC 20010

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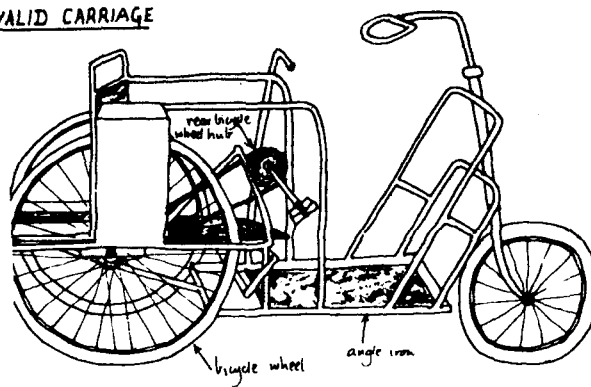
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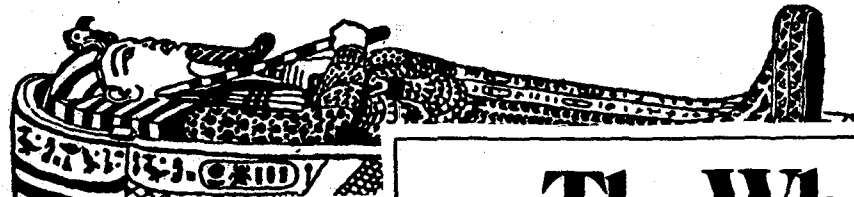
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THE city is accepting applications for community development projects to be initiated by citizens. The projects will be funded beginning in October with up to \$500,000 from the city's federal community block grant. Priority will be given to applicants who use new approaches to meeting housing or other community development needs and to those which involve cooperation between the various segments of a neighborhood. Projects must be neighborhood-based, may not involve direct subsidies or new buildings, or support private facilities. Deadline for applications is June 24, and applications and information can be obtained from the Department of Housing and Community Development, room 944, 1325 G Street, NW, or call Anita Rechler, 724-8655.

THE National Association of Black Women Attorneys will hold its fourth annual conference May 19-22 at the Capital Hilton Hotel. Conference theme is "The Role of the Black Woman Attorney in the Community." Judge Julia Cooper Mack, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, will be the principal speaker. Info: 347-9821.



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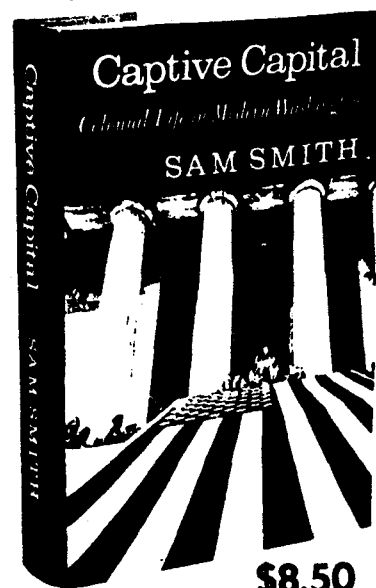
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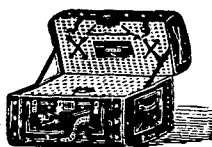
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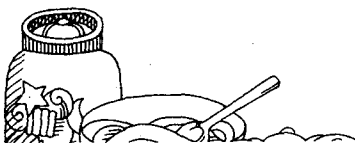
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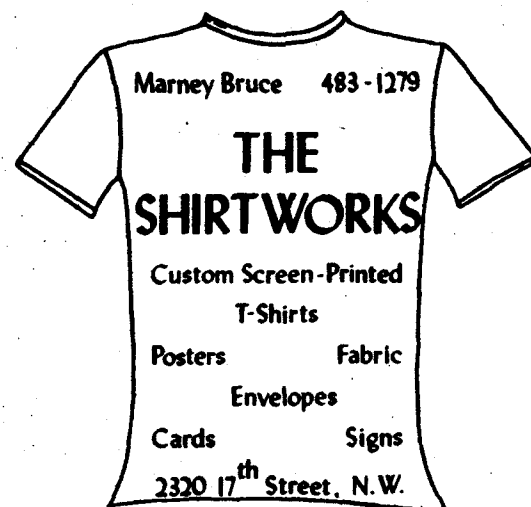
Do you "look Chinese," wear "foreign-cut clothing," "carry lunch in a brown paper bag," or "look as if you are Spanish-speaking?" If so, you could well be watched, questioned, or arrested without a warrant.

A new ACLU handbook, *The Rights of Aliens*, describes how the Immigration and Naturalization Service locates and identifies people who may be "illegal aliens." Describing both the rights and problems of aliens in the United States, author David Carliner asserts that concern over "illegal aliens" is leading to increasing problems for all foreign-born persons here, whether aliens or US citizens.

The study discloses a memorandum by the New York INS office which instructs investigators that "persons from Latin and South American countries generally will retain their habit of wearing their clothing in a style they were accustomed to in their native countries," or wear "foreign-cut clothing which is immediately distinguishable."

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VIETNAM WAR VETERANS who received less-than-honorable discharges are swamping government switchboard with more than 3000 telephone calls a day.

The calls are pouring into the government's joint liaison office in Overland, Missouri, in response to President Carter's proposal to re-evaluate and up-grade military discharges.

To handle the avalanche of calls, extra personnel to answer 50 telephones for 13 hours each day have been hired, and placed in cubicles in the basement of the two-block-long records building in Overland. However, the report they are still unable to keep up with the thousands of toll-free calls that are pouring in. The office's toll-free number is (800) 325-4040.



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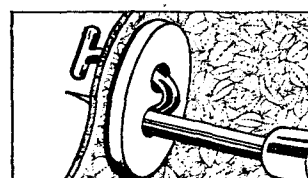
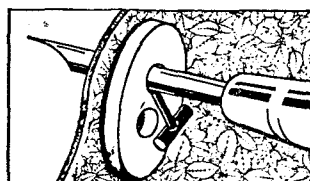
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WE COULDN'T FIND THE STORY in the Post or the Star, which isn't surprising, since it's a real shocker for the half-a-loaf crowd, but the American University Poll reports that 51% of the residents of DC now favor statehood and only 28% oppose it. Even more encouraging is that residents of the Maryland suburbs favor statehood for DC by a 41% to 33% margin with 26% undecided. Only in the Virginia suburbs does a plurality oppose statehood (44% opposed to 31% in favor). The poll was directed by Dr. Robert Hitlin, associate professor of government at AU. Given the antagonism toward statehood in the major media and their disinterest in covering it, the growth of support is little short of phenomenal.

The poll shows that blacks in each area are more in favor of DC statehood than whites. "There is considerable racial difference on this issue within the District itself," says Hitlin. "Blacks are in favor by 59 per cent to 22 per cent (20 per cent not sure), while whites are opposed 35 per cent to 46 per cent (19 per cent not sure)."

There are political divisions on the question as well. Democrats in each area are in favor of DC statehood. Republicans are opposed. In the District, political opinion on the issue breaks down as follows: Democrats, 55 per cent in favor, 24 per cent opposed; independents, 50 per cent favor, 34 per cent opposed; and Republicans, 39 per cent in favor, 44 per cent opposed.

The questions were: "What is

your opinion of the District of Columbia becoming a state? Would you be in favor or would you be opposed?"

	DC	VA	MD
Favor	51%	31%	41%
Oppose	28%	44%	33%
Not sure	21%	25%	26%

The American University Poll was conducted from Feb. 23-28. In the survey, pollsters interviewed 1,126 residents of the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, Fairfax City and Falls Church. Respondents were 18 years or older, and were selected at random by telephone. This sample size is designed to insure accuracy to within four to six per cent of the survey findings for each of the three jurisdictions.

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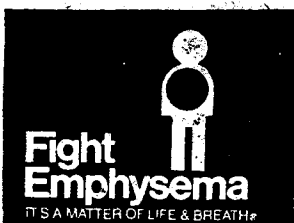
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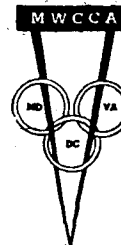
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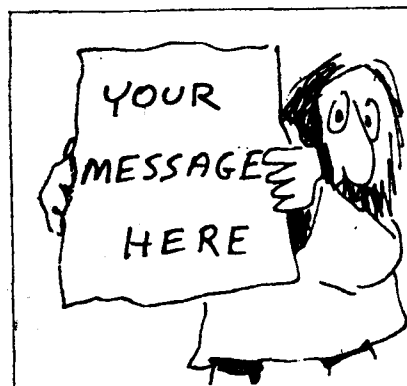
Telephone numbers for the sample were randomly generated to be certain to include unlisted telephone numbers and newly connected numbers. Tabulation of the responses was done at the American University Academic Computer Center. The demographic characteristics of the respondents have been adjusted in order to match the race and sex distributions of the three jurisdictions.

The AU Poll is supported by the university's School of Government and Public Administration, and is an annual poll of the political, social and economic opinions of the Washington Metropolitan area.

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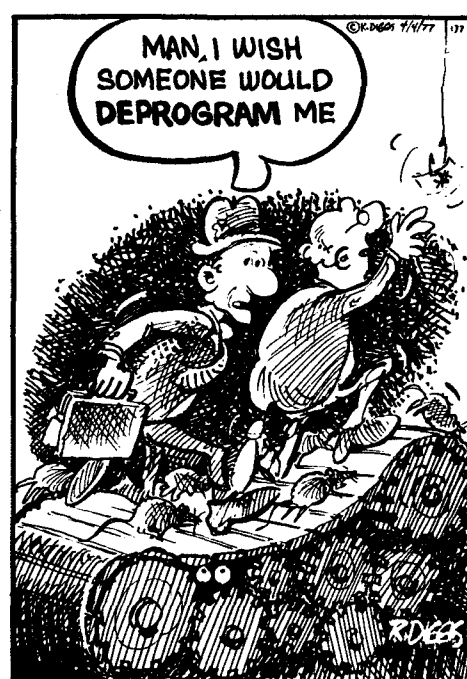
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The only possible improvement we can imagine to this wonderful system would be a hologram of Metro's public relations man, Cody Pfansteil, next to each add-a-fare machine, smiling and saying on tape, "I'm sorry for any inconvenience. . . IF METRO'S FARE AND ROUTING philosophy seems a bit wierd, you'll be comforted to learn that Metro manager Theodore Lutz is having his problems, too. The Star reported the other day: 'Lutz admits there has been 'some resistance' among transit staff in changing Metro's phi-

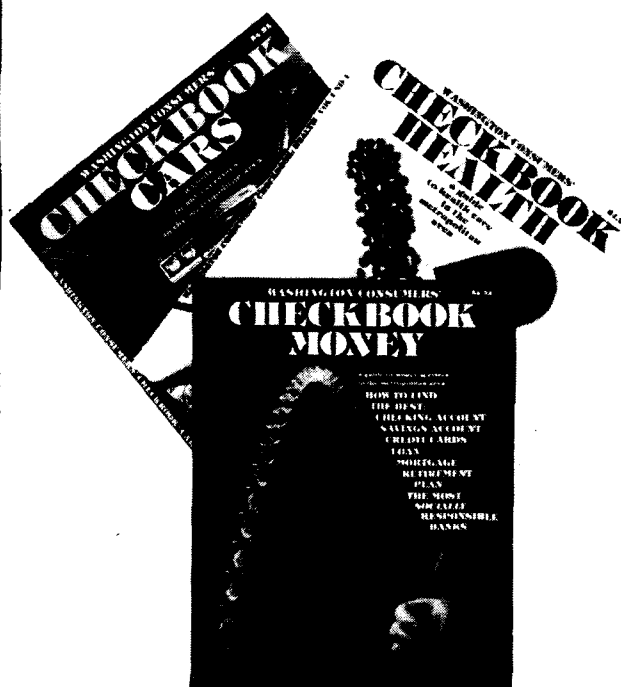
losophy from a 'construction project to a transit service.'" Oh, well, radical ideas take time to get across.

THE difficult task of following in Julius Hobson's footsteps has been picked up quickly and well by Hilda Mason, one of the long-time fighters of the city (she goes back to CORE days) and former



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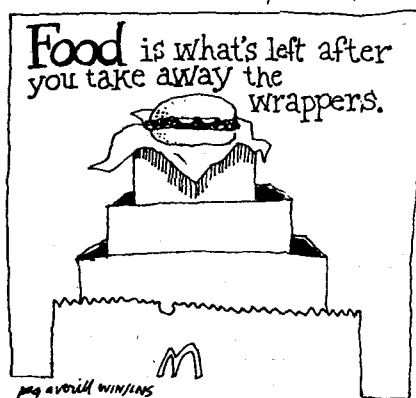
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Ward Four member of the school board.

She stepped into office with a firm request that she be made chair of the council's education and recreation committee and for the second time Sterling Tucker found himself set back in his efforts to dump William Spaulding into the slot.

Earlier, while Hobson was still alive, Tucker had taken him aside and suggested that he be replaced as committee chair so he could concentrate on "research." Hobson told him to buzz off, and Tucker got a number of agitated calls from the educational community disturbed that Tucker could be thinking of removing Hobson and, worse, replacing him with the rampantly unimpressive Spaulding, whose major educational contribution to date has been to help foul up the structure of the University of DC. We are told that John Hechinger even stormed into Tucker's office and told him off.

Fortunately, when Mason came aboard, there were enough Mason supporters and Spaulding doubters to prevent Tucker from ramming through the position for his faithful sidekick. Whether Mason will actually get the post or whether the council will give it to another Democrat was undecided as this was written, but in any case the episodes provide some hint of the level of appointment we can expect if Tucker becomes mayor.

NORVAL PERKINS, erstwhile director of the Board of the Elections, accosted us the other day and chastized us for lumping him in a recent article with Dominic Antonelli and Joe Yeldell. We are chastened. Perkins bears little resemblance to these other folk. Perkins has charm and style. He was the Toots Shoor of the ground floor of the District Building, one of the few city officials we feel sorry got in trouble. If all of Walter Washington's aides had half the joie de vivre of Perkins, we would suffer their bureaucratic inadequacies gladly. There. Feel better, Norval?

SPEAKING of style and the Board of Elections, we recently received a letter from Therman Evans, M.D., President of the Board of Education, who is up for reelection this fall. The letter proves again that those who would purify city government have a bigger task on their hands than they imagine. You may recall

that another school board member got a slap on the wrist by the Board of Elections for using school board stationery to make a rather blatant appeal for election support. The lesson has not been lost on Evans. His letter, on school board stationery, begins:

Dear Fellow Citizen: This year is the last of my four-year term as an At-Large Member of the District of Columbia Board of Education. Serving you in this capacity, and in addition, as President, has been both a challenging and exciting experience.

I am writing to you to express my willingness to speak to your organization membership on the successes, issues, concerns and challenges of our Public School System. In an effort to communicate with as many people as possible, I will make myself available, with schedule limitations, to one of your business, social or other meetings. My concern is that your membership be aware of important issues facing the Board of Education and my stand on those issues.

DOCUMENTATION OF FBI surveillance of the Washington Peace Center released by the FBI on March 15 clearly contradicts earlier FBI testimony that domestic intelligence activities directed against the Peace Center ended in 1965.

FBI responses to an interrogatory from the Peace Center attorneys stated that all FBI operations regarding the Peace Center were terminated in April, 1965. However, 32 pages of FBI documents released on March 15, after a year's deliberation, contain 27 pages from after the April, 1965 date, some from FBI spying as recent as April, 1973.

This latest evidence of illegal FBI procedures will strengthen the Peace Center's position in its suit against the FBI.

Years of surveillance and interference by FBI and DC police in local anti-war activist organizations peaked in July, 1973 with the Peace Center office break-in, in which nothing but mailing lists and membership files were stolen.

In July, 1976 the Peace Center joined the Washington chapter of Women Strike for Peace, the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis and eight individuals (including Julius and Tina Hobson, Abe Bloom, Arthur Waskow, and David Eaton) in a suit against various officials and agents of the DC Police

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and the FBI. The suit alleges that between 1976 and 1974 DC police and FBI agents violated the defendants' First and Fourth Amendment rights. It seeks monetary damages amounting to several hundred thousand dollars for each defendant. (Peace Center Newsletter)

ACCORDING to Polly Shackleton's office, Ward Three has the highest concentration of older persons of any ward: over 36,000. . . ROBERT D. BOYD, long active in public school affairs here (most recently as PTA president of Edmonds-Peabody)

has been named the new executive director of DC Citizens for Better Public Education.

BACK in the days when there was little that could be said that was good about the DC public school system, Jack Sessions was one of the exceptions. He was on the old appointed board and the first elected board, a political ally of the late Julius Hobson and friend of a better education and community control of the schools. He was a fine person and in those dismal educational years of the sixties, provided hope that

something better could come of DC's schools. Now that the city's schools are beginning to take a turn for the better, the short public memory will probably forget how hard it was trying to make sense out of chaos in those days.

Jack died the other day. Too young, at 58. He deserves to be remembered not just because he was good but because there wasn't much of a constituency for the good at the time he was serving the city. We're not much on naming schools after important people, but somehow we feel it would show an appreciation of the

letters, comment & alarms

WHAT set Julius Hobson apart from other local activists was his long-range view of the struggle for full emancipation of black citizens in this nation. In pursuit of this essential status for those of us who are illegally deprived of full citizenship rights, he understood, as all too few adherents of democracy do, the aspects of the struggle where it is not prudent to compromise.

His position was, that in pressing for change within a system where contending parties enjoy a basic sense of security and relatively equal status, compromise may be necessary in order that all parties achieve some measure of satisfaction. However, in Washington, D.C., blacks were grossly unrepresented and discriminated against in housing, education and employment; the maintenance of the status quo was rigidly enforced; and challenging the legality and morality of second-class citizenship for blacks had been ineffective. Therefore, it was not prudent nor was there any satisfaction to be gained from compromise, on the part of those deprived of their rights.

Mr. Hobson chaffed bitterly at the acceptance, by leaders representing the victims of discrimination, of a timetable for change convenient to the discriminators, who at the same time claimed fidelity to principals of democracy and decency.

Hobson also strongly resented the claim by those resisting change in our city, that their reluctance to honor democratic principals was not by reason of race prejudice or exploitation of the powerless, but was based on the unpreparedness of blacks to assume full citizenship. He was, therefore, highly incensed when such contentions were supported by some of his colleagues, who admonished black citizens to demonstrate to the powers-that-be their readiness for citizenship responsibilities.

Julius was quick to remind his fellow freedom-fighters that as a result of his non-compromising direct action, employers suddenly decided that "unqualified" blacks were now worthy of employment, and that their enterprises did not suffer as a consequence; that a fair-housing law considered untimely suddenly became feasible and was enacted; that "justifiable" discriminatory policies in the school system became at once illegal and were outlawed by the courts; and so on.

In recent years Julius also reminded those of his associates who continued to value compromise in the the struggle for a peoples' own humanity, that the system now points to with pride and assumes credit for that degree of cleansing brought about by the "undiplomatic Hobson approach."

Now that Washington's "maverick-in-residence" has passed on, blacks and non-blacks alike may be reflecting on the net effect of his activities over the past twenty years. If the fruits are judged to have been constructive, we may come to the conclusion that, tradition and vested interests aside, the only course of action leading to the elimination of ethnic and class strife is a system for narrowing the economic and social gap between groups of human beings so that, in the course of human endeavor, they may feel comfortable in voluntarily practicing "the art of compromise."

CHARLES I. CASSELL

I AM a member of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia committee responsible for the implementation of a new service which may be of assistance, and certainly will be of interest, to your readers.

This service is known as The Lawyer Register. The Register is located at the Bar Association offices at 1426 H Street, NW, and is open to members of the public during normal working hours. It is comprised of information supplied, on a voluntary basis, by lawyers who practice in the District of Columbia. This information includes data as to the

lawyer's name, address, education and background. In many instances, it also includes information respecting fees that the particular lawyer charges for his services. Thus far, approximately 1000 attorneys are listed in the Register.

We, on the committee, feel that this service constitutes a significant innovation which can be of substantial benefit to consumers of legal services. As you know, the Code of Professional Responsibility places restrictions on advertising by lawyers as to fees, background and areas of concentration. While we recognize that these restrictions exist for the protection of the public, we also recognize that members of the public are somewhat hampered by these restrictions in their initial selection of an attorney. The Lawyer Register is an attempt by the organized bar to assist the public in the selection process within the provisions of the code.

ARTHUR J. WHALEN, JR.

THOUSAND of children up to six years of age who attend DC public schools or live in DC-owned housing are the victims of the DC Government's unwillingness to follow its own regulations regarding elimination of lead-based paint hazards. Thirty to fifty percent of these children are at-risk for childhood lead poisoning, which can cause lifelong neurological impairment including learning disabilities, emotional problems and mental retardation.

Privately owned dwelling units in DC are inspected for a lead hazard and abated within 10-20 days if necessary. Public housing in DC is not subject to these housing code regulations.

Privately licensed day care centers are inspected for a lead hazard and abated if necessary. The DC public schools are not subject to the DC Child Development Facilities Regulations which mandate those activities.

On February 9, Councilmember David A. Clarke reintroduced the Public Property Lead Elimination Act, which would mandate that the DC government inspect, and deal if necessary, properties where children at risk spend a substantial amount of time.

Childhood lead poisoning is not only tragic for its victims, the most politically powerless segment of our society - poor children; it also drains society as a whole of its resources, in terms of wasted earning potential and the cost of institutionalization of lead poisoning's most damaged victims.

STEPHANIE KARSTEN
Coordinator
Committee for Lead
Elimination Action
in the District

TWO conditions in District politics must get attention:

1. The size of the Democratic Party makes it reasonable to expect the emergence of splinter groups with opposing views on the issues. I now lead such a movement to insure at least the spirit of the two-party system.
2. The size of the Statehood Party reduces the credibility of its status on the City Council. What is the Statehood Party but a splinter group that acquired its existence much like the Harambee Hotel. And what is the Harambee Hotel but a senseless grant? What can its future be?

The Statehood Party and the Republican Party, for that matter, have no right to be guaranteed a seat on the Council. This infant political unit needs free elections for a change. If no one wants to register for the Statehood or the Republican Party then that is simply a referendum against them. Within the oversized local Democratic Party there are the beginnings of opposing ideologies which will revive the two-party system.

Then we will have a general election!

NATHANIEL A. DICKENS

origins of hope if we would name a building the Jack Sessions School.



THERE is now a mo-ped law in the city and, as the photo above indicates, they are a pleasant form of mass transit, provided, that is, if you feel up to competing for space with autos and buses (not shown in photo) or doing a double somersault after you wipe out on a slick, wet street. The daring are advised that you must have a valid driver's license, be 16 years or older, get your bike inspected every three years and may not ride them on bike paths or sidewalks. You can, however, park them like bikes and you can rent them. Helmets are not required but they seem like a good idea.

LAST month we sort of rescinded a rose we had given to Marion Barry for his proposal to lower the property tax rate to eliminate a windfall profit to the city due to speculative increases in assessments. Our second thought involved the realization that because commercial property has not increased in value at anywhere near the rate of residential property, the across-the-board reduction might actually reduce some commercial property taxes while only slightly lessening the increase in residential taxes.

Well, while the Gazette was at the printers, Marion backed off his proposal, the mayor picked it up and Marion offered a new plan, which, as it turns out, isn't so new. Several years ago, Carl Bergman, then associate editor of the Gazette, had written an article making much the same suggestion. Barry's new plan is for a \$6,000 homeowner's exemption. In other words, you don't get taxed on the first \$6,000 worth of your property. This proposal has a number of attractive features. It is at least mildly progressive. On a \$30,000 house, exempting the first \$6,000 would amount to a 20% reduction in property taxes. On a \$60,000 house the reduction would be only 10% and on a \$120,000 house it would be 5%. Further, since the exemption would not apply to commercial property, it would have the effect of re-instituting a differential between residential and commercial property.

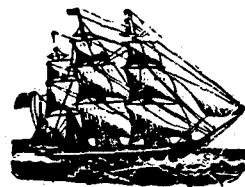
There are problems with the bill. If you have a house whose assessment jumped from \$40,000 to \$60,000 in the last year, for example, you would still be paying \$256 more in property taxes even with the exemption. The exemption would, however, save you from paying another \$110, and while not solving all the problems associated with the city's speculative assessment cycle, it would at least be a step in the right direction.

So we'll give back the rose we took from Marion, give a thorn to the mayor and try to remember how it goes: the Barry bill is now the mayor's bill and the Bergman bill is now the Barry bill. We'd appreciate it if you all would stay in a holding pattern at least until we get the issue in the mail.

IN a preliminary report to the mayor, a 36-member task force on the Department of Human Resources said the problems of DHR "relate to problems of management of the agency and not its organization." Chairman of the task force is Philip J. Rutledge, the guy who dreamed up the organization of the monster agency in the first place. Surprise.

CHIEF JUDGE HAROLD GREENE (quoted in "District Lawyer"):

"I think the Bail Reform Act was a good law. The purpose of the act was to equalize between the rich and the poor the opportunity to be released on bail pending determination of their guilt or innocence, and I think that's still an appropriate goal for our society to reach. Now, obviously, if even one person is released pending trial, there is the possibility that he may commit another offense, that he will not come back, that he will flee the jurisdiction. But when we're talking about something like 25,000 criminal defendants in the Superior Court each year and a jail which holds at most 2,000 people, it's obvious that most of them will have to be released anyway if only for lack of space."



MANY are all too ready to applaud the conversion of decaying slums into stylish townhouses without taking into consideration the repercussions felt by poor tenants and homeowners. The "Georgetownification" that is now taking place in areas such as Capitol Hill and Mt. Pleasant has displaced many and eroded old neighborhoods and communities. The Winter edition of the Working Papers presents a comprehensive overview of the detrimental effects that rampant speculation in residential property has produced. The piece is by Carol Richards and Jonathan Rowe. Richards is a journalist; Rowe is on the staff of the council's finance committee.

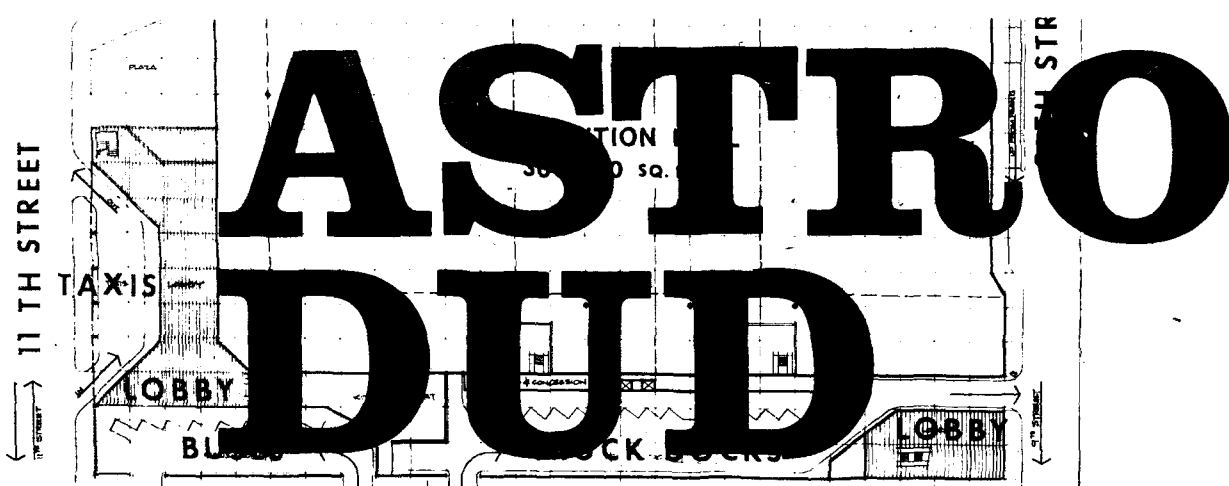
Taking advantage of Washington's severe housing shortage, property tax increases and the relatively helpless position of the poor, speculators have been able to force poor blacks, or "tax consumers" out of neighborhoods in which they have lived for years to make way for wealthier whites, or "tax providers." Many speculators, or 'flippers,' never even take title to the property or make renovations but sell it to a third party for a profit.

In an attempt to curb the injustices of such unlimited speculation, two city council members David Clarke and Nadine Winter, proposed a speculation tax bill. The bill would not only tax speculators but require licensing, records of transfers, disclosure of fees and efforts to strengthen the tenants position.

Richards and Rowe include in their review necessary consideration of the fact that the situation is not simply one of black v. white but one of conflicting self-interest that tends to complicate the case. There are a number of successful black brokers who would be far more vulnerable to anti-speculation tax than the more firmly established white entrepreneurs. In addition, there are numerous homeowners who are "delighted at the prospect of selling their homes for a pocketful of cash." For many black developers and brokers their hard-won position in a predominantly white business is an effective means to consolidate black strength in society.

Finally, the one point upon which most all seem to agree is the menace of the government's own land acquisition activities which have resulted in vast areas of vacant land and boarded houses. Joyce Chestnut of the Shaw Project Area Committee commented on this developing trend, "The speculation bill does nothing about government speculation and the government is the biggest menace." — SALLY JACOBS





THEY had to push it through in a hurry. And they did. The mayor released the plans and justifications for the convention center the end of March. On May 5, the city council, in "emergency" action, approved it. Not even the freeway pharaohs at their worst dared to ram their roads through that fast.

But they had to move quickly. The opposition was getting organized. Citizens were becoming concerned. Two nights before the vote, a citizens group in Northwest took an informal poll and a majority opposed the center. The folks in Upper Northeast were upset. Even Walter Fauntroy was asking questions. But most of the city hadn't had time to learn of the rip-off. Only Doug Moore, Hilda Mason, Polly Shackleton and William Spaulding voted against it. The rest paid their dues to the Board of Trade.

Walter Washington, Sterling Tucker and Marion Barry all are for the center. Three potential candidates for mayor and on the most crucial issue that has become before the council they joined hands. The difference between them has narrowed considerably. It may be time for those who favored Barry to start looking for someone else.

The procedures alone were a scandal. One day of hearings called on short notice. Scores of questions on the economic feasibility left unanswered. Community groups not consulted. The whole thing over and done with in little more than a month.

The stripmining of the capital budget is another scandal. The city's auditor told the council that if they went ahead with this project they would be bumping their heads on the roof of the debt ceiling.

The mayor claims that the city is at the end of its large capital spending program, but what he is talking about is his program. There are communities around the city that have been seeking local improvements for years, such as recreation centers and school renovations, and while they may not be on the mayor's agenda they are on the community's. The hard fact is, that if the city goes ahead with the convention center, it simply won't have the money to proceed with many needed projects. Even those in the pipeline may be delayed or scrapped. Worse, waiting in the wings are considerable expenditures not even being talked about, such as antiquated water mains, that may not wait for the completion of the center to require major overhaul.

And there are even more serious fiscal considerations. The city has been warned by a leading urban research group that it must correct its ratio of debt to revenue or face a serious fiscal crisis. We are close to being the Big Rotten Apple.

In recent months, we have cut needed services such as food stamp centers, health facilities, fire protection and schools. But, for some reason, the convention center must go ahead. It is fiscal madness.

This whole cynical sorry mess gets worse at it goes along. Here are just a few of the new developments since we last reported on the center ("The Great Washington Astrodud," Feb. 1977):

- Between its second and final draft of their study on the center, the city's convention center consultants, Gladstone Associates, fiddled with their figures so as to produce alleged tax benefits more

favorable to the city. Most astounding is a 24-33% increase in the number of projected delegates coming to the city as a result of the center. These new delegates appeared out of nowhere in the few months between the second and final draft. You may recall that, based on other cities' experiences, the earlier lower figures were 91-183% higher than could be reasonably expected; the new inflated figures are even further out of touch with reality.

- Gladstone, as we revealed in our last report, has an affiliated company, Quadrangle Development Corporation, which is engaged in downtown office development and hence a potential beneficiary of boondoggles such as the convention center. But this is not Gladstone's only serious conflict of interest. Gladstone is also doing convention center studies for San Diego, Miami, Kansas City and Danville, Ill. And it served as consultant to a potential developer at 12th & G NW, a couple of blocks from the center.

- The Gladstone report, as we have suggested before, predicates the value of the convention center on highly intangible presumptions of tax benefits that will accrue. It admits that, even under its projections, the center will be a net tax loss for five years. Thereafter, presumably, it will generate more taxes than it requires. But big presumptions are made up of little presumptions. One of the little presumptions that Gladstone makes is that the average delegate will stay in town 4.4 days and that 45,000 exhibition attendees will stay in town an average of eight days each. According to a top official at one of the leading convention hotels in DC, these figures are way off base. He estimates an average convention stay of 3 to 3.2 nights and a trade show stay of 4-5 nights. Let's examine what these lesser projections do to Gladstone's alleged tax benefits:

First, you end up with one-quarter less delegate nights than Gladstone predicted and 2029 new hotel rooms as against the 2875 new rooms predicted by Gladstone.

Second, Gladstone appears to have overestimated the assessed value of the hotel rooms — by about 35% according to a local economist who has examined the question. But let's be generous and say the Gladstone figure is only half that excessive. We then find that the property taxes from new hotels that purportedly will be built because the center is will only be \$1.2 million annually rather than the \$2 million Gladstone said.

Hotel tax revenues would be only \$2.5 million instead of the \$3.5 million projected by Gladstone.

Sales tax revenues would be only \$2.6 million instead of \$3.7 million.

Including all the other revenues projected by Gladstone at face value, you end up with the center generating only \$10.5 million in tax revenues, rather than the \$14.3 Gladstone predicts.

The convention center is so marginal a project that it cannot withstand a 28% drop in expected revenues. It will become another white elephant. But the city council ignored this possibility as it charged ahead.

- These, however, are not the only fuzzy figures in the Gladstone report. For example, Gladstone claims that 3560-4580 new jobs will be created as a result of the center. That sounds reasonable until you realize that we are talking about 3000 delegate-years worth of \$23,400 in expenditures a year each. Each delegate-year is, according to Gladstone, going to support 1.2 to 1.5 new jobs at a \$10,000 average annual salary. This seems more than a little optimistic.

A FORMER FBI informant is claiming that the Bureau paid him over \$75,000 over a seven year period to infiltrate and destroy black movement organizations in the Los Angeles area.

The April issue of the magazine Mother Jones reports that former FBI agent-provocateur Darthard Perry has provided the magazine with extensive documents which prove the Bureau was involved in a wide range of previously undisclosed illegal activities.

Perry claims that he defected from the FBI in 1975 after accomplishing over \$250,000 worth of property damage to black political and cultural groups in Los Angeles.

US News and World Report says that the American government — and perhaps President Carter personally — is expected to make what are described as "unsettling disclosures" about flying saucers before the end of this year.

US News claims that the revelations will be based on still-secret information from the CIA. The magazine states that the new disclosures "would represent a reversal of official policy that in the past has downgraded UFO incidents."

A GROUP called the "International UFO Registry" has installed a toll-free hotline over which anyone throughout the United States may report a UFO sighting. The hotline number — for serious sightings only — is: (800) 348-4057.

the other government

CRIME IN THE STREETS DEPARTMENT: The Wall Street Journal reports that the Mafia has taken over control of a significant segment of the pizza industry. Mob members apparently cornered the mozzarella cheese market in the east and gained control over many pizza makers by becoming their sole suppliers of the cheese. . . . The McDonald's people have gone to federal court in efforts to regain control of about 30 McDonald's restaurants that are partially controlled by operators with reputed Mafia ties. Said one Golden Archer: "We want to keep McDonald's free of any unsavory elements. We want to be as clean and as All-American as hamburgers." . . . Meanwhile, the Washington Post says that assassinated Mafia "hit man" Charles Nicoletti reportedly broke with the Mafia shortly before his death because he felt the CIA "was taking over" the syndicate. . . . And DC Delegate Walter Fauntroy, of the House Assassinations Committee, wonders out loud whether some of the reporters covering the committee might not have ties with the CIA. The Post responded forthwith with an editorial suggesting that Walter Fauntroy was connected with the CIA.

The moral of all this is unclear, but for the time being it would be well to stay clear of any reporters selling pizza.

Actually, Fauntroy's fears, even if in error, are not unreasonable. A recent piece by Taylor Branch in Esquire provides some revealing insights into the close relationships between the broadcast media and the CIA in the past. Recently released documents indicate that the New York Times was involved in keeping the Rosenberg case safely on course to death row. William Colby admitted that 30 or 40 reporters had worked with the CIA in the past. The agency says it doesn't do this sort of thing any more and would they lie to you?

It is entirely possible that what Fauntroy perceives as skuldugery may really be nothing more than typical journalistic myopia, laced with a bit of agency disinformation unwittingly passed on by the press. Fauntroy should realize that it is part of the hard-bitten, macho tradition of the media not to believe that anything unusual could happen until they are told by an approved source. This is why the press constantly misses the best stories. They don't want to risk the embarrassment of being misled by someone who is not in high position. Makes you a soft touch. Of course, they gladly transmit the lies of high officials without blinking an eye. But that's just doing their duty.

The reporters who have assassination investigators upset include Jeremiah O'Leary of the Washington Star, David Burnham of the New York Times and George Lardner Jr. of the Washington Post. We've been following Lardner's stuff and it's been pretty much in the no-one-has-yet-proved-beyond-a-reasonable-doubt-that-the-emperor-has-no-clothes vein. It's all in the grand journalistic-scientific tradition that goes way back to the days when the best minds concluded that the earth was flat. There was, you will remember, insufficient evidence to prove that it was round.

Perhaps Lardner is right but so far the efforts to prove that everything happened the way it was supposed to have been

far less convincing than the efforts to show that something else happened that we have yet to discover. The fact that the job isn't completed, or the search leads down blind alleys, is no reason to close up shop. Perhaps Lardner would like to try his complacency out on Dr. Robert Shaw of Dallas, who operated on John Connally after he was shot with Kennedy and who now believes that Connally and Kennedy were shot by separate bullets. Or is Dr. Shaw just another assassination freak?

Certainly Fauntroy is correct in assuming that if the reporters attacking the committee were with the CIA they would probably write the way they do. But a conspiracy is not the only cause of a lack of perception and a closed mind. In fact, if we were in the CIA we wouldn't mess with the press at all. It does the job too well on its own.

NEWLY released documents reveal that even the friendly "Welcome Wagon Lady" has been utilized as an undercover spy for the FBI.

Columnist Mike Royko of The Chicago Daily News reports that a Chicago woman recently wrote to the FBI and requested her personal file. After a long wait, back came copies of FBI documents about the woman's family, most of them based on reports by a "Welcome Wagon Lady" who had dropped by the woman's home several years earlier.

The FBI file quotes the "Welcome Wagon" as reporting where the woman and her husband had lived before, their current address, information on their children, and the nature of the husband's job.

Columnist Royko says that the Welcome Wagon organization, when asked about the documents, insists that such things don't go on anymore. The FBI, however, wasn't so positive. An FBI spokesperson asked by Royko if Welcome Wagon is still a confidential source, replied "We can't address that question one way or the other."

CHARLES Colson, the special counsel to former President Richard Nixon, has admitted in an interview with a Boston reporter that the Drug Enforcement Administration was actually staffed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Colson, in an interview with WBCN Reporter Danny Schechter stated that the CIA "took agents and put them all through the DEA," adding that there was never a clear line between what was being done by CIA and foreign intelligence agents and what was being done in the narcotics area.

A number of investigators into the intelligence community have charged that drug enforcement agents were working closely with the CIA in foreign countries.

Colson admitted, however, that the CIA itself had "trafficked with a lot of drug people," allegedly in order to get information. Colson added that a number of people were kidnapped and brought back to the United States by CIA agents, where they were then arrested by the DEA.

DORMAN'S DOGGIE



by Foolbert Sturgeon



ecoclips

SAGGING electric power demands made 1976 one of the worst years on record for the nuclear and fossil-fuel power plant industry, according to a recent survey by Kidder-Peabody and Company.

Preliminary figures show that US electric utilities ordered fewer nuclear and fossil power plants last year than in any year since nuclear power became commercial. Utilities ordered only three new nuclear plants in 1976, down from five in 1975 and 27 in 1974. In addition, two nuclear power plants were cancelled last year and at least seven have been postponed.

The domestic drop was offset by foreign orders 157 percent over 1975 sales, totaling almost 10 times the US demand.

Plans for new fossil-fueled plants — those burning oil, gas or coal to generate electricity — fell 42 percent from the 1975 total to the lowest level since the firm began keeping data in 1964.

The dismal level of nuclear sales led James Everett, president of Philadelphia Electric, to speculate in remarks to the Atomic Industrial Forum that "any further commitments to nuclear power will have to be made more on faith than fact."

THE worst environmental hazard of 1976 was earthquakes. The US Geological Survey reports that last year at least 695,000 people died from quakes and related disasters — the highest death toll since 1556.

All but about 40,000 of the deaths occurred in China, where major quakes struck in numerous highly populated areas. No deaths were reported in the US.

By comparison, 1975 saw only 1,350 earthquake related deaths.

A RETURNABLE beverage container system would have saved 30 to 50 billion cubic feet of natural gas last year and alleviated the effects of this winter's natural gas crisis, a national environmental group said recently.

In a joint statement, Rep. James M. Jeffords and Environmental Action released figures showing that substantial quantities of natural gas would be saved if deposits were required on beer and soda containers.

Jeffords is chief sponsor of a bill which would establish a national container deposit system, similar to systems already successful in his home state and in several other states.

THE FALL OF AMERICAN LABOR

SIDNEY LENS

CONTRARY to its image as a rampant giant, the American labor movement has watched the percentage of US workers in its ranks dwindle steadily for two decades.

In 1956, 42 percent of "organizable" workers (excluding supervisors, executives, the self-employed, etc.) carried union cards. Today only 32 percent do.

While the national workforce has grown by almost 30 million, labor has gained only 2.9 million members — two million of them in the rapidly unionized federal, state and local government bureaucracies.

In 1950 unions won 73 percent of National Labor Relations Board elections, gaining the right to represent 759,038 workers.

A quarter of a century later, a richer, larger, presumably more potent labor movement won only half the elections it petitioned for and the right to represent only 158,000 workers.

Union officials offer a number of explanations for their snail's pace: intense employer resistance; "runaway" shops from the north to southern states where anti-labor attitudes and "right to work" laws frustrate union drives; NLRB bias in favor of management; refusal of some employers to bargain even when unions win NLRB

elections; and a lukewarm or hostile attitude by the nation's political leaders.

All these factors may be significant, but a good argument can be made that they are effects of the problem, not the cause. The real problem may lie with labor itself.

History offers a lesson. When the Wagner Act creating the NLRB was passed in 1935, it remained a dead letter — thousands of employers refused to honor it — until 800 sitdown strikes from 1936 to 1938 changed the climate of labor relations.

The Supreme Court subsequently declared the law constitutional and a labor board was installed that took seriously the act's mandate to encourage collective bargaining.

During the late 1930s and early 1940s Labor Board decisions were usually friendly to labor. Republic Steel was forced to pay millions in back wages and rehire hundreds of strikers it fired after the 1937 "Little Steel" strike. Workers fired for forming unions were normally reinstated to the jobs by the NLRB within a few months.

During World War II labor exchanged a non-strike pledge for bringing millions of new members into the ranks. The government, for instance, ruled that all defense construction had to be performed by AFL building trades members.

In the intervening decades the government and Labor Board did a flip-flop, but only in tandem with the decline in labor militancy.

Conservatives, led by Senator Robert Taft, outlawed many practices benefiting

unionism and imposed non-Communist oaths on union officials before the NLRB would hold elections.

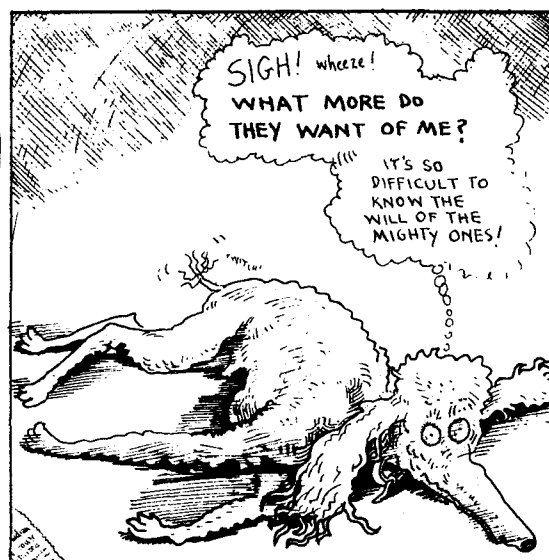
Instead of combatting the anti-Communist crusade, union leaders like Phil Murray, Walter Reuther and William Green joined it. Whatever one may say of the Communists, they had been the key force in organizing the unorganized during the 1930s. Their emasculation weakened the labor movement and strengthened the conservative and business offensive.

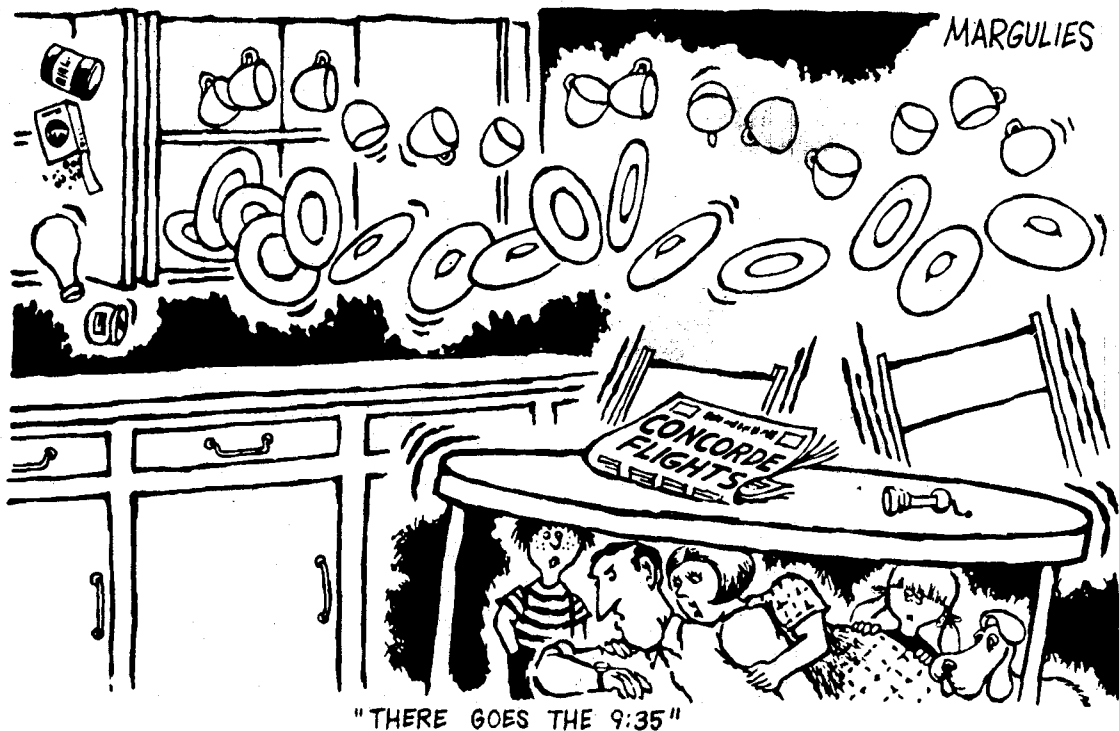
Against this background, NLRB procedures steadily became more frustrating to labor. To adjudicate the illegal firing of an employee for union organizing takes from seven to 15 months today, sometimes years. And an additional year or two is often required while the matter goes to the courts. In the meantime workers in the shops often lose interest or bow to the fear that they too will be fired.

Despite all this, the NLRB might not have been a severe obstacle — nor would the other factors — if organized labor had risen to the dimensions of its problem.

The union movement, by and large, is entrenched in industries where workers can fight management with little or no outside help. When the General Motors workers strike, the GM plants must close. Short of sending in an army and recruiting hundreds of thousands of strikebreakers, there is no way to open those plants. The same is true of skilled craftsmen, miners, machinists, pilots, building tradesmen and others.

But most of the unorganized workers today are in fields where workers cannot





prevail on the strength of their own efforts alone.

When department store salespeople or stockmen go on strike they are not hard to replace. Office workers can seldom halt operations in a plant or even an office. Substitutes for farm workers are easy to recruit. These workers must rely on the rest of labor — for money, organizers and help on the picket line.

But that kind of help has not been forthcoming.

By way of example, two unions organized a chain of Chicago department stores some years ago, signing up a majority of its employees. When the company fired more than a hundred members, there was no alternative but to strike.

But the strike of so tenuous and unschooled a force needed help — especially from the Teamsters, who by closing off de-

liveries might have forced management to terms. The Teamsters, however, respected the picket line for just three hours, then sent their drivers through. The strike collapsed on the second day.

There are tens of millions of unorganized workers who confront similar problems. Another example: a group seeking union recognition in a lamp factory goes on strike. The employer transfers his orders to a plant owned by his brother. Though the latter plant is unionized, the employees work on those orders, thereby undermining the strike.

Lacking is the kind of labor solidarity and idealism that sparked the union drives of the 1930s. Last year, during the long rubber strike, the union was able to close down only part of the industry. Had they shut it all down, convinced transpor-

tation unions to stop delivering in or out, or prevailed on the auto workers not to mount "scab" tires on new cars, they might have won quickly. But none of that happened.

Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers would long ago have won a national contract if Teamsters and railroad workers had refused to ship struck or boycotted farm products, if supermarket employees refused to stock them, if cannery workers refused to process them. With such lack of solidarity — forcibly demonstrated by the Teamsters' 10-year internecine war against the UFW — many unions not only find themselves impotent in "organizing the unorganized," but discover labor's image is so tepid and uninspiring that the unorganized feel little attraction to it.

Thus, despite a renewed concern about organizing the south and other bastions of anti-unionism, it is unlikely labor will succeed in the near future beyond a few episodic victories.

When the AFL and CIO were re-united in December 1955, after two decades of schism, there was much talk of doubling union membership from 15 to 30 million within 10 years. A UAW vice president was assigned to head an organizing drive and given a staff of 265 organizers and a kitty of \$7 million. But the campaign never got off the ground.

On the few occasions when unions have scored big breakthroughs, they were selling a "dream," not the mundane promise of another nickel an hour. The dreamers who built the needle trades unions of 1910 or thereabouts, and the dreamers who built the auto union of the 1930's, were willing to make incredible sacrifices, fight bitter battles and go to jail if necessary. They talked about solidarity, "spread the strike," unity — and they inspired hundreds of thousands.

Promising a worker in a South Carolina textile mill today that the union will take his case to the Labor Board if he is fired is hardly as inspirational.

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NOTES FROM THE REAL WORLD

ABC's "\$6 Million Dollar Man" tackled the B-1 bomber in one mid-February show. The plot centered on a group of US-based foreign agents who were hell bent on making a B-1 test flight look bad. And that was a serious problem, viewers were told, because "lots of people don't like the B-1."

The show's not-so-subtle messages were that if foreign agents want to stop the B-1 so bad, then it must be good, and that people opposing the B-1 were at best "commie dupes."

"The only way you get flight footage of a non-production Air Force plane is to have very cozy connections and a use for the footage which the Pentagon approves of," remarked the Syracuse Peace Council, which has been active in opposing the production of the B-1. "The military moguls and their corporate allies must really be running scared."

GILLETTE has been selling its new throw-away razor, called "Good News," for a mere 25 cents.

Now the bad news: Gillette has also, for some time, been selling what it bills as a "ladies razor," called the Daisy, for sixty cents. According to New York magazine the Daisy is exactly the same razor that Gillette sells for a mere 25 cents to men, except that it has a pink handle.

WHO is the biggest welfare recipient in America? According to two financial analysts, the answer is the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which banked a cool \$2.4 billion in federal tax credits last year.

Victor Schnee and Walter Gorkiewicz, in their new book entitled *The Future of A.T.&T.*, report that Ma Bell earned a record one-year pre-tax income of more than \$6 billion last year, yet paid only 9.4 percent of this to Uncle Sam.

The statutory tax rate on corporations is supposed to be 48 percent; but A.T.&T. used a variety of existing tax loopholes to avoid \$2.4 billion in federal taxes. Schnee

and Gorkiewicz argue that the loophole system amounts to a massive welfare payment to the phone company.

Robert Flint, A.T.&T.'s controller, is quoted as admitting that A.T.&T.'s tax-avoidance benefits are "like interest-free loans from the government."

IF you want to find out if your pooch is a genius, a Louisiana human psychologist is out with an IQ test for dogs.

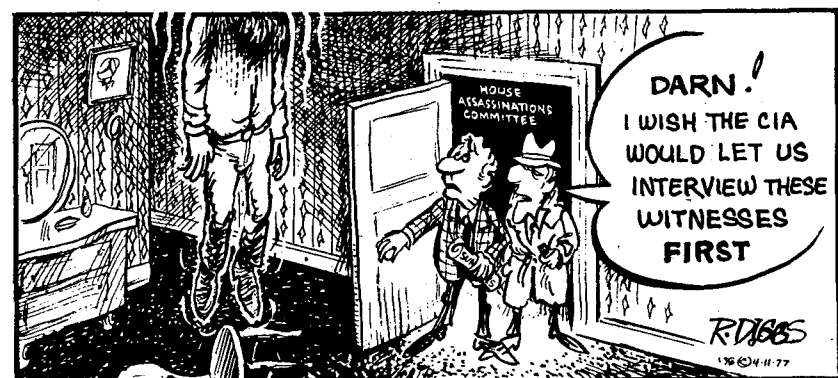
The psychologist, Kathy Coon, says that anyone's dog can now take a simple test to determine how smart their pooch is. Coon has written a 32-page book with "professional illustrations" of a model dog striving for excellence. Coon says you can measure your canine against this model dog and find out whether it is bright, average or just plain stupid.

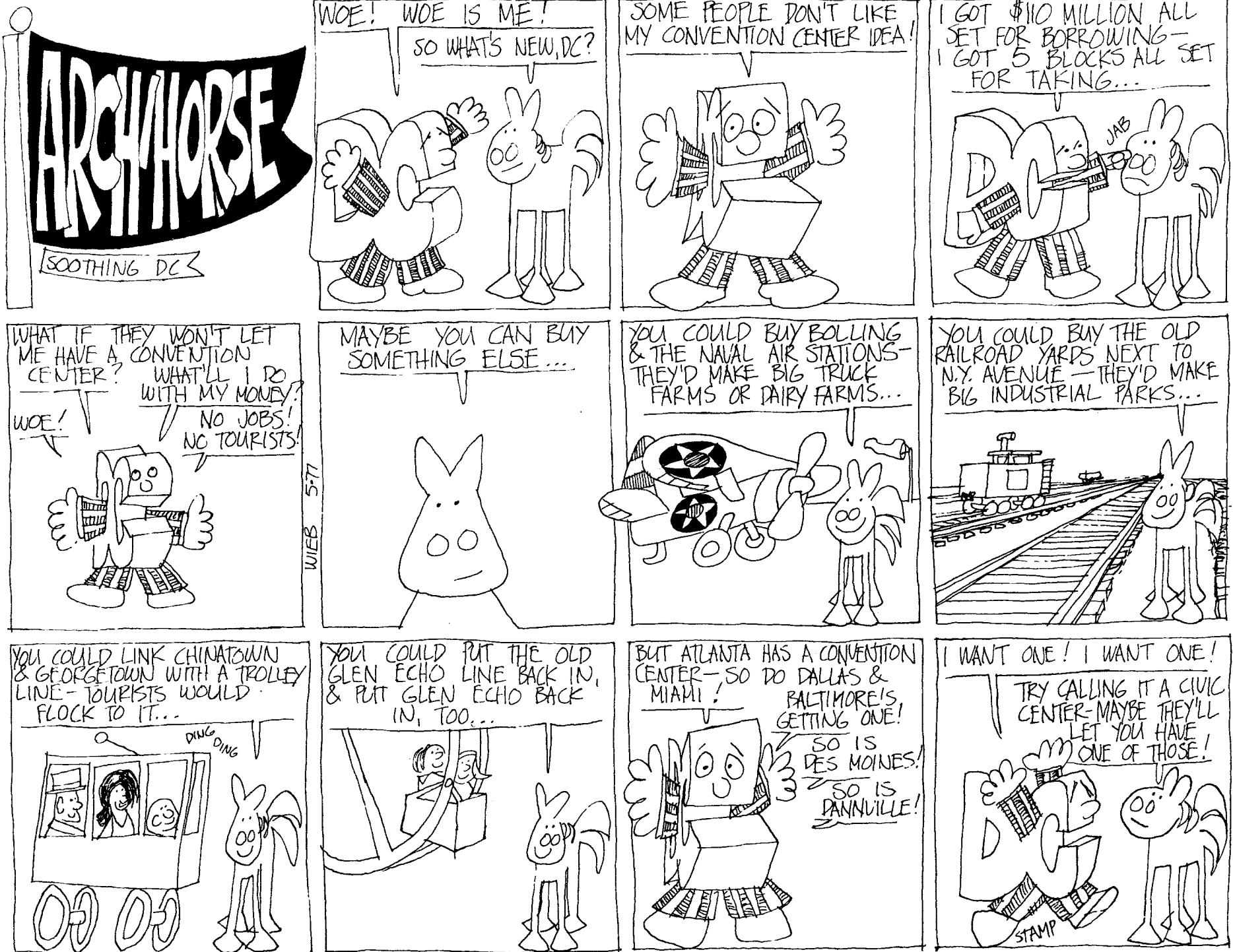
She adds that it doesn't work for cats. Dog owners can send \$3.00 to Dog, Incorporated, Box 14808, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 to get the IQ test.

MS. MAGAZINE is reporting that many of the principal backers of the efforts to block the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment are large corporations.

MS. reports that corporations are worried that strict enforcement of the Equal Rights Amendment, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, would result in a radical increase in payroll costs.

The magazine points out that if in 1970, women who worked had earned the same amount per hour as men doing the same jobs, employers would have had to pay an additional \$96 billion in payroll alone.





SITUATION REPORT

SPECIAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Hilda Mason faces a tricky special election during the summer doldrums. Low turnout and vacations add uncertainty to the situation. In our view, Mason is clearly the best person to have announced so far and should be one of the best members of the council. She needs all the help she can get. To get involved, call her office at the city council or Lou Aronica, 338-4640.

UTILITIES

The effort to bring DC's rapacious utilities under control continues. Latest move is the formation of a Metropolitan Area Coalition on the Energy Crisis, sponsored by leading activists in the Metro area. The coalition wants repeal of the new gas "service charge," lifeline rates, an end to cut rates for large volume users, the charging of advertising costs to the stockholders rather than the consumer and stricter control over the utilities. For information and to get involved, contact the coalition at room 218, 1346 Conn. Ave. NW, Dupont Circle, Columbia 20036. (833-3390)

WASHINGTON POST STRIKE

The accused pressmen in the Washington Post strike have pleaded guilty to misdemeanors in return for having felony charges dropped against them. This is somewhat of a victory against Katherine Graham's vindictiveness — unless these folks who have been thrown out of work are now thrown into jail. Write Judge Silvia Bacon at the DC Superior Court and urge her not to send them to jail when sentencing comes up May 20.

PROPERTY TAXES

Best proposals in the hopper include Marion Barry's plan for a \$6000 homeowner's exemption and Dave Clarke's bills to (1) establish a differential between commercial and residential property rates, (2) limit non-profit property tax exemptions and (3) put a tax on speculative profits from real estate.

THE CITY'S DEBT

Using 1975 figures, we were under the happy illusion that DC's per capita debt was at least running behind that of New York City. Wrong, says Congressman William Natcher. Our per capita debt is now \$1852 a head, while New York's is only \$1805. You still want to build a convention center?

CIVIL LIBERTIES

The Supreme Court said last month as clearly as possible that DC is only a colony. It ruled that criminal cases in DC may not be appealed to federal courts (including the Supreme Court). In other words, you lack the constitutional protections that every resident of a state has. If you can't convince the DC Court of Appeals, you've had it.

METRO IS BANKRUPT

Metro is asking the federal government to pay 80% of the interest on bonds it has floated so far — \$997 million worth. It not only can't pay the principal, it can't even pay the interest. Metro, in a word, is bankrupt. Convention center groupies take note.

flotsam & jetsam

ON those increasingly rare occasions when I'm invited to participate in federal Washington's most persistent ritual, the cocktail party, I have to be ready for the second question. It's the one I get after, "What do you do?" I tell them and then they ask: "What is your circulation?"

If I'm not holding a glass, which I

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try to be when caught in such conversations, I wrap my left thumb over the back of my right wrist and start to count. It never gets a laugh but it gives me a little time to continue my search for the response. Over the years I have thought of several, such as "3000 and how important are you?" but I have rejected them on the grounds that rudeness at cocktail parties should be reserved for later in the evening when you have decided to whom you really wish to be rude and have consumed an adequate excuse for your rudeness.

But the question annoys me, as does the accusative alternative - "Why have I never seen it?" - because it reflects the ultimate Washington presumption: by their power ye shall know them.* I find that launching into a description of the local publication distribution monopoly the most effective way to stumble past this rough spot back to the original question, but my answer to the second has usually so thoroughly satiated their curiosity that they quickly move on.

My father, I learned recently from a friend, had an excellent second question. My friend met my father and he asked, "What do you do?" She told him where she was going to school and her major. "No," he said, "I mean, what do you really do?" Here was a presumption of worth making: that one did something far more important than just fulfill an institutional role. In Washington it is a rare presumption.

Except for trying to explain it on the power circuit, I don't mind being small. After all, having 3000 readers (9000 if you want to play it like the big mags and count pass-along readers) each month still seems like a lot to me. The number of writers who do that well saying what they want (rather than what their editors, publishers and marketing people want) is not that great and, besides, I have E.F. Schumacher to keep me warm, not to mention Hank Thoreau, who somewhere in my high school reading said, "I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet stool."

I don't remember why that appealed to me as a kid, but I know now, watching the queues patiently waiting for a chance to squeeze onto the national velvet. One of the things you learn if you hang around Washington long enough is that power just isn't what it is cracked up to be.

*Jean Lewton, editor of the Washington Review, tells me she was once asked at a party, "Do you do anything interesting?"

For one thing, it tends to be drudgery. I'm not sure it was always like that. My impression from history is that, however oppressive power might have been to those subjected to it, it used to be a lot more fun to have, at least until you got beheaded or sent to the Tower. The upstairs crowd lived rather vacuous lives in our contemporary eyes, but I doubt that most knew it and thus weren't hurt in the slightest. Now we've taken most of the privileges away from rank and replaced them with the 70-hour workweek. Our mismatching strains of monarchism, puritanism and democracy have not led us to limit power, but to justify it by making it joyless, hard work.

The Republicans, being royalists at heart, manage to preserve at least some of power's poshness. In office, they flaunt their golf and take long lunches at Sans Souci. But now the Democrats are back in, and worst of all, a president who encourages his staff to brown bag it and who consumes "Of Mice and Men" in a matter of minutes, probably reading it with only one hemisphere of his brain while the other is plotting the next move towards disarmament.

Mr. Califano, suffering perhaps from some residual ethnic hedonism, only pulled himself through his first crisis with his peers by the argument that having a chef meant he didn't have to go out for lunch. I suspect that in his heart Califano thought he deserved a chef, but it would never do, by today's power values, to say that. These values state rather clearly that one must be immersed, not merely involved, in power.

Thus much of the prestige of power must be enjoyed vicariously. You must be content in the knowledge that others think you're important and that journalists say you are, because once in power you'll be too busy flying to Dayton for a speech, writing memos and attending staff meetings to enjoy fully your own importance. That's why we have so many workaholics in high places. They're the only ones who would accept so much responsibility with so few rewards.

Of course there is money. Despite the talk about low government salaries, there is little doubt that a tour at the federal wheel is an excellent way to guarantee future position and profit. Lawyers are particularly adept at using the federal government as a vocational school, graduating into more rewarding positions than those from whence they came and, further, using their national contacts to expand their private work. Being a former assistant counsel of a federal regulatory agency may not sound like much, but there are plen-



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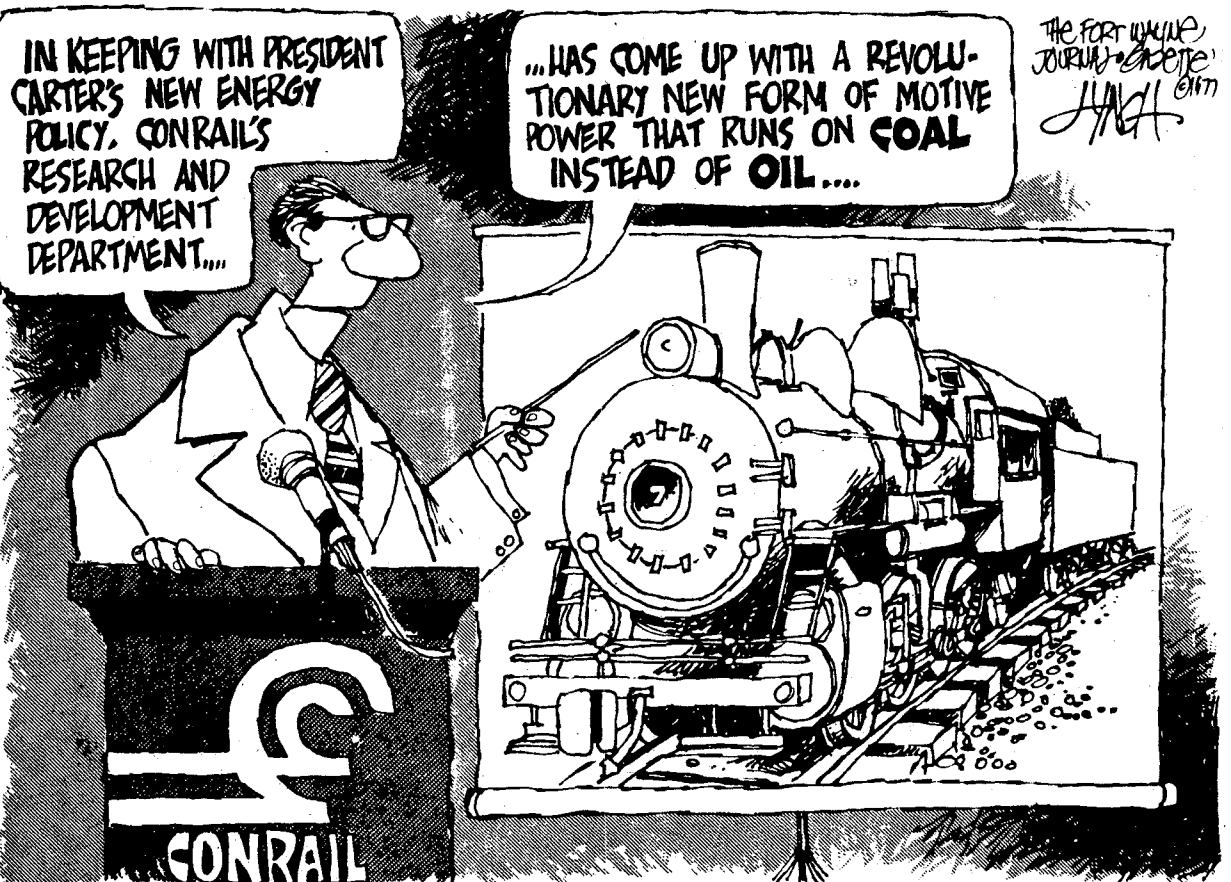
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ty of corporate clients who feel otherwise. Money is probably the soundest reason for seeking high office. Not surprisingly, it is seldom mentioned as a motivation.

There is also the less cynical idea that one seeks power in order to accomplish something worthwhile. While there are many who enter government service with such a goal, the record suggests that it is seldom reached. Few presidents rise above a caretaker role and those who serve them generally operate as members of the national political janitorial staff.

One reason for this is that change rarely comes from inside the government except as a response to outside pressure. Even something as impressive as Lyndon Johnson's civil rights achievements would have never occurred without the far greater achievements of those in the civil rights movement. And generally, when government does decide to do something, such as Jimmy Carter's energy program, one finds that the most depressing obstacle is that the decision has been made so late.

Further, national administrations tend to restrict change to narrow areas: one administration provides for civil rights, the next opens up the doors to China, the next discovers the energy crisis. What made the New Deal so exceptional among administrations is that for once the government used power comprehensively to produce change that it believed good and necessary. Despite its numerous failings, it provided a unique era during which positive change came from government rather than from outside it.

Every Democratic president and candidate since Roosevelt has invoked the spirit of the New Deal. Somehow, however, they have failed to find it. This has not been entirely their fault, for to produce the commitment and change that typified that time, one needs not only a leader but an army of the committed, of changers. Roosevelt had that, but since the New Deal we managed to push the changers away from the temple and given access primarily to those who believe in power and only secondarily, if at all, in purpose. Whatever the faults of the New Deal, it holds a special place because it was not merely an administration, but a movement.

There are hopes around that Carter represents a reversal of governmental business as usual. Sam Brown and Andrew Young are cited. But as in affirmative action programs, if you have to name your examples you don't have enough of them. In fact, watching the power hungry Washington job lines the past few months has warmed me slightly towards the president. For scattered amongst his ambivalences seems a measure of faith and idealism. What is disturbing, however, is that he may be one of the more idealistic members of his administration; his organizational chart seems overburdened with political mutts who have followed the scent of aimless power to its source. That's no way to a new deal.

But it is Washington's way, just as it is the Washington way to emasculate the dreams of those who come to this city to change it. The power groupies always win — until the reality gets too big to ignore as it did in the Vietnam war or civil rights days.

There are other problems with power as it is practiced in Washington. Its definition, for example, generally excludes all power other than that of the preemptive variety: power over other people. There are other forms of power, such as catalytic power, the power to start things happening. Ralph Nader is an example of catalytic power at work. But Washington only has room to pay deference to one Ralph Nader; more would threaten the basic philosophy of the city.

There are, of course, many people in Washington involved in catalytic power, who influence rather than control. Teachers,

sport

IN 1976, the American woman Miki Gorman ran a marathon in two hours, 39 minutes and 11 seconds — fast enough to have won the men's Olympic gold medal in 1896, 1900, 1908 or 1924.

Fifty years ago, a woman became the first person ever to swim the English Channel, and today the fastest times for the channel crossing — in both directions — are still held by women.

And in shorter events female swimmers from East Germany, the US and Australia regularly turn in faster times than male swimmers from many other countries.

All of which adds up to a convincing rebuttal of the old "self-evident" truth that biological reasons alone prevent women from equaling men in sports.

Women may never hit a baseball as far as Mickey Mantle or serve a tennis ball as hard as Jimmy Connors. But in other sporting events they may be biologically superior to men.

Long-distance running and swimming provide a case in point. Dr. Joan Ulliot, a doctor of sports medicine and herself a runner, says women have more body fat than men, so even after men have used up their source of energy (carbohydrates) women can keep going on their body fat.

This lets them run or swim farther, if not necessarily faster, than men, she says

— and it may explain the female dominance of English Channel swimming.

In shorter races as well as the long-distance events women's times are progressively catching up with men's.

The women's 100-meter world record was first recognized in 1934 at 11.7 seconds. For the same year the men's record was 10.3 seconds, a superiority of 13.6 percent.

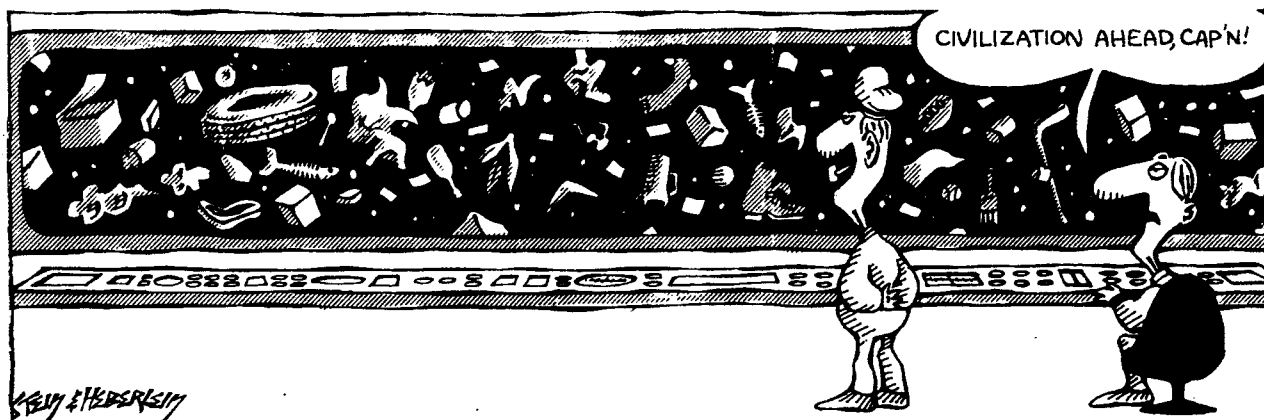
By 1954 the difference in the two records had declined to 11.8 percent, and in 1974 to 9.1 percent. Between 1934 and 1974 the difference between men's and women's 800-meter records also dropped steadily — from 24.6 percent to 11.4 percent.

In swimming women's performances are on the average closer to those of men than in running. And the women's rate of improvement in times has been greater than the men's.

The average difference between the 15 recognized male and female world records in 1976 stood at 9.2 percent. For the seven of these events in which both male and female records were recognized in 1956 the average difference stood at 12.2 percent.

Predicting the future is always a risky business, but all the figures available indicate that average performance in speed and endurance events for women could eventually equal that of men.

— PNS



ministers, artists, public interest activists. (Big time columnists influence, but since they seldom have anything to say, their influence rarely amounts to more than a reaffirmation of the obvious or the obsolete. They are pacifiers rather than catalysts.) In other places, these would not be insignificant activities. In Boston a professor is an important person. At Berkeley a scientist is someone of substance. In the heartland, the minister and the principal are community leaders. In the Village it's fine to be an artist or an actress. But in the federal compound of Washington, if you are not engaged in the pursuit of preemptive power you tend to be a social waif. You can not show that you control enough people to be significant. The fact that, unlike many people in power positions, you can demonstrate some utility or social purpose to your affairs is irrelevant. You lack power over people and that is what counts.

Power's other problem is that content declines as power increases. We experience a somewhat similar phenomenon in our personal lives. We discover that we do not have an endless capacity to have relations of meaning with other people. There is not enough time for us to have more than a small number of friends without loss in the quality of our friendships. Some, like the manic Washington hostess, try to pretend this isn't so, but they end up substituting symbolic relationships for real ones. We learn to accept the limits of growth in our personal lives. We know that we can not endlessly expand our contact with the world without giving up things that are more important to us.

A politician or administrator with a large constituency faces much the same dilemma. The more power they have, the more people to be satisfied, the more the relationship must be symbolic (as through the media), and the less chance they will make any contribution other than perpetuating the status quo, the one position most people have learned to live with.

Thus power, in quantitative terms, has an illusionary aspect. The more you have the less you can do with it, the more careful you must be and the less content matters. Except for charismatic leaders or those engaged in catalytic action, as power increases, symbolism replaces substance and one becomes an echo of what is happening rather than part of the action itself.

Now, imagine trying to explain all that at a Georgetown cocktail party. They wouldn't understand. For Washington is divided in many ways and one is that there is a Washington of power deficient in substance and a Washington of substance weak in power. If you've got to cast your lot, it's best to take the latter, for not only are the people more interesting but their meaning can't be removed by the results of the next election. And it's a Washington in which you can find a place, not merely a position.

Besides, there are fringe benefits. You won't get invited to power parties but, on the other hand, you don't have to read Joseph Kraft and Henry Fairlie. That alone should more than compensate for any diminution in status you may suffer because of your lack of position.

— SAM SMITH

p.s.

PEOPLE who have been successful in life and who have achieved the most apparently are the ones most willing to die.

Human Behavior magazine reports that interviews with what the magazine calls "high achievers" and "under achievers" have found that those who believe they have accomplished very little in life express the greatest anxieties about dying.

The interviewers said that persons who felt unsuccessful reported that - if given a chance - they'd like to return to live again shortly after their deaths. Successful people, by comparison, said they'd like to wait a century or two after dying before returning, or perhaps never return at all. The latter group said they felt fulfilled.



SENIORS at Oakland University can take a "last chance course" called "Remedial Wisdom NCC 321."

JEEZ! I BET THIS MEANS
WE WILL HAVE TO START
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THE latest in frozen confections is a product called "Ten Plus," a treat on a stick which reportedly consists of all natural ingredients - including skim milk, orange juice and eggs.

Popsickle Industries, which began marketing Ten Plus in the Chicago area recently, reports that the frozen delight provides 10 percent of the adult recommended daily allowance of protein, plus a number of other nutrients.

Ten Plus was invented by Dr. J. Robert Cade, of the University of Florida, who also brought the world the nutritional superdrink, Gatorade.

GARLIC is being studied at the University of Minnesota as a way of cutting down, and possibly even avoiding, heart disease caused by excess amounts of cholesterol. Student and teacher volunteers at the University's School of Public Health are being asked to ingest approximately 20 milligrams of garlic oil in pill form each day, the equivalent of two to three cloves of garlic. According to the researchers, rats which were fed a moderately high cholesterol diet, which also included two percent garlic, were able to maintain a cholesterol count close to normal. Other rats that received the same diet without garlic reportedly showed a 23 percent increase in cholesterol readings.

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NO kidding. Ronald Taylor and Barbara Carter have written the ultimate cookbook, Entertaining With Insects. What more can we say except to show you one of their recipes:

Mealworm Chow Mein

- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup cooked mealworms, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chow mein noodles
- 1 and 1/2 cups Insect Broth (you'll have to buy the book or use your own) -
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a large skillet, cook and stir celery, onion and green pepper in the butter until the onion is tender. Stir in mealworms, 1/4 cup of the noodles, and the remaining ingredients. Pour into ungreased 1 and 1/2 quart casserole. Sprinkle casserole with remaining chow mein noodles. Bake at 350 degrees, uncovered, for 30 minutes.